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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ICFTU, ELAB, TS
SUBJ: ICFTU OFFICIAL'S UPCOMING VISIT TO TUNIS

REF: BRUSSELS 7623 (NOTAL)

1. JOHN VANDERVEKEN, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU),
IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A THREE-DAY VISIT TO TUNIS STARTING
MONDAY, MAY 8.

2. VANDERVEKEN IS CURRENTLY IN GENEVA, BUT ANOTHER
SECRETARIAT SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT
IS TO GET A CURRENT READING ON THE PLIGHT OF ICFTU VICE
PRESIDENT HABIB ACHOUR AND OTHER ARRESTED TUNISIAN LABOR
LEADERS.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, THE TUNISIAN
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GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING TO TAKE A TOUGH LINE AGAINST
ACHOUR AND HIS COLLEAGUES. IF THIS PERSISTS, THE
REACTION OF THE ICFTU BOARD MEETING IN HAMBURG MAY 16-19,
ACCORDING TO A SECRETARIAT SOURCE, WILL BE TO TAKE A TOUGH
LINE AGAINST THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT. HINTON

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